



ATTACHMENT A

REMARKS

Considering the matters raised in the Office Action in the same order as raised, claims 32-41 been objected to because of certain informalities. Claims 32-41 have also been rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being "indefinite." Claims 32-41 have been amended so as to eliminate the informalities therein and to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112.

Although it is believed that the amendments are self-explanatory, it is noted that regarding the objection concerning claim 32, lines 37 and 38, the phrase "a selected reference USB device" has been changed to read -- a reference USB device selected from said USB devices -- (as was previously implied and was always intended). Because the reference USB device is merely one of the plurality of USB devices, it is believed clear that the reference USB device can be readily determined (because the propagation time to all of the USB devices including the reference USB device are available by that point). However, the amendment made has necessitated amending number of references to "each of said USB devices" to read -- each of said USB devices other than said reference USB device --. Although this recitation is cumbersome, the recitation addresses the issue raised in the Office Action.

Further, for purposes of clarity, the preamble of step (c) has been eliminated because this preamble adds nothing to the claim and provides another example of the type of potential confusion highlighted by the Examiner. Because of this change, the three portions of former step (c) are now steps (c), (d) and (e) and amended new step (c) is now step (e). It is believed that these changes clarify what was previously implied by the claims but perhaps not as clear as would be desirable, viz., that adjustment may not be necessary for all clocks (as implied by claim 33), and that the adjustment-when necessary-may be different for each USB device.

With respect to claim 41, the reference to the "USB specification" has simply been omitted.

Applicant has made an earnest effort to place this application in condition for allowance by addressing each of the issues raised by the Examiner in the Office Action. Accordingly, if the Examiner believes that any problems still remain, the Examiner is

respectfully urged to telephone the attorney of record so that these problems can be overcome.

END REMARKS